

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND, AND WATER

DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1255

 X **Closing Lands to Mineral Entry** _____ Opening Lands to Mineral Entry

I. Name of Mineral Order: 1255 Nenana-Totchaket Agriculture Phase One – ADL 233703

II. Reason for Mineral Order: This Mineral Order is based upon the attached *Commissioner's Administrative Finding*, applicable statutes, and the written justification contained in the following:

Yukon Tanana Area Plan, adopted 2014

Preliminary Decision, Nenana-Totchaket Agriculture Phase One – ADL 233703, and the subsequent Final Finding and Decision for same

III. Authority: AS 38.05.185 and AS 38.05.300.

IV. Location and Legal Description:

Township 4 South, Range 9 West, Fairbanks Meridian, that portion of the following protracted sections:

- Section 1-8 all;
- West1/2 of Section 9;
- West1/2 of Section 10;
- N1/2 of Section 11;
- NW1/4 of Section 12;
- That portion of the S1/2 of Section 11 and SW1/4 of Section 12 lying north of a line connecting the SW corner of Section 11 to the C1/4 corner of Section 12;
- N1/2 of Section 15;
- Sections 16-20 all;
- N1/2 of Section 21;
- N1/2 of Section 29;
- Section 30 all;
- N1/2 of Section 31; and,

Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Fairbanks Meridian:

- Sections 1-36 all

All containing 35,000 acres more or less.

V. Mineral Order: This order is subject to valid existing rights and is issued under the authority granted by AS 38.05.185 – AS 38.05.275 and AS 38.05.300 to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. In accordance with AS 38.05.185(a), I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land described in this mineral order to entry under mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska. The above described lands are hereby **closed** to entry under the locatable mineral and mining laws of the State of Alaska.

Concur:

Martin W. Parsons, Director
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Department of Natural Resources

Date

Approved:

Corri A. Feige, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date

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**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING
MINERAL ORDER NO. 1255
Closing Lands to Mineral Entry**

Nenana-Totchaket Agriculture Phase One – ADL 233703

Pursuant to AS 38.05.035, the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, and Water proposes to issue a Final Finding and Decision to convey State-owned land into private ownership within the Nenana-Totchaket Agriculture Phase One project area (ADL 233703). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Proposed Land Offering Nenana-Totchaket Agriculture Phase One– ADL 233703, the project area is within the K-32 unit, Kantishna Region, of the *Yukon Tanana Area Plan*. DMLW proposes to close the entire project area to mineral entry. The attached mineral order includes the legal description of area to be closed to mineral entry.

The Division of Mining, Land, and Water requests the mineral estate of approximately 35,000 acres, identified in the attached mineral order, be closed to mineral entry and location, in accordance with AS 38.05.300 for a land disposal. Mining activity on the project area would be incompatible with the current and proposed land estate uses. The land does not contain any known mineral deposits and was not selected for mineral values. There are no mining claims on the land.

Public notice of the comment period for the proposed mineral order was conducted in accordance with AS 38.05.945. (Review of comments will be addressed in the final document.)

In accordance with AS 38.05.185 (a) and AS 38.05.300, I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land to entry under the mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska as described by Mineral Order (Closing) No. 1255.

Approved:

Corri A. Feige, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date